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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 25TH SHUKA SHO (G1)



The Shuka Sho, established in 1996, is run over 2,000 meters at Kyoto Racecourse and the third leg of the fillies' Triple Crown following the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) and the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) held in spring. The Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) was formally regarded as the third leg of the fillies' Triple Crown until the race was opened to older fillies and mares; hence the Shuka Sho was established to take its place. Acquiring international G1 status in 2009, the Shuka Sho is open to foreign runners.

In 2018, Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) became only the fifth filly in JRA history to claim the fillies' Triple Crown title after Mejiro Ramonu (JPN, by Mogami; 1986), Still in Love (JPN, by Sunday Silence; 2003), Apapane (JPN, by King Kamehameha; 2010) and Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact; 2012), and proceeded to achieve greater accomplishment during her three-year-old season by winning the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) against a powerful field which contributed to earning the season's highest honor of JRA's Horse of the Year award. Chrono Genesis (JPN, by Bago), winner of last year's edition, went on to claim another G1 title against male opponents in the Takarazuka Kinen (2,200m) this year.

Daring Tact, aiming to become the first undefeated Triple Crown filly in JRA history, and Yushun Himba runner-up **Win Marilyn** both kicked off their fall campaign in this race. Coming off the trial race, Shion Stakes (G3, 2,000m; Sep.12), were winner **Maltese Diosa** who registered her second graded win, followed by **Pallas Athena** in second and Yushun Himba third-place finisher **Win Mighty** who was sixth. **Ria Amelia** came off a win in another trial, Rose Stakes (G2, 2,000m; Sep.20), in which **Musica** and **Oh My Darling**, who finished second and third, respectively, earned births in the last leg of the fillies' Triple Crown. Other key runners included **Sanctuaire**, **Miyamazakura** and **Ablaze**, victors of the Shinzan Kinen (G3, 1,600m) in January, the Queen Cup (G3, 1,600m) in February and the Flower Cup (G3, 1,800m) in March, respectively.

THE 25TH SHUKA SHO (G1)

3-year-olds, Fillies, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, October 18, 2020 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 216,000,000 (about US\$ 2,000,000 <US\$1=¥108>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017

Course Record: 1:56.8 Race Record: 1:56.9 [Mikki Queen (JPN, by Deep Impact), 2015]

Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Good Weather: Fine

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	7	13	Daring Tact (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F3 br. 55.0	1.4 (1)	2:00.6 (35.8)	Epiphaneia Daring Bird (King Kamehameha)	Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co., Ltd. Hasegawa Bokujo Haruki Sugiyama
2	6	12	Magic Castle (JPN) Takuya Ono	F3 b. 55.0	56.9 (10)	1-1/4 (35.8)	Deep Impact So Magic (Symboli Kris S)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Sakae Kunieda
3	4	8	Soft Fruit (JPN) Kota Fujioka	F3 d.b. 55.0	54.7 (9)	3/4 (35.7)	Deep Impact Strawberry Fair (Kingmambo)	Godolphin Godolphin Kunihide Matsuda
4	8	16	Pallas Athena (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	F3 b. 55.0	81.1 (12)	Nose (35.8)	Rulership Stellar Lead (Special Week)	Hiroo Race Hiroo Race Co., Ltd. Mizuki Takayanagi
5	7	15	Miss New York (JPN) Yoshihito Nagaoka	F3 br. 55.0	197.0 (16)	3-1/2 (36.7)	King's Best Manhattan Mito (Manhattan Cafe)	Kosho Bokujo Kosho Bokujo Haruki Sugiyama
6	7	14	Oh My Darling (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	F3 b. 55.0	145.7 (14)	Nose (36.6)	Deep Impact La Boum (Monsun)	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Hiroshi Kawachi
7	2	3	Maltese Diosa (JPN)	F3	16.0	Neck	Kizuna	Nagako Fujita

			Hironobu Tanabe	br. 55.0	(4)	(37.4)	Top of Dora (Grand Slam)	Nagako Fujita Takahisa Tezuka
8	4	7	Musica (JPN) Shinichiro Akiyama	F3 b. 55.0	70.2 (11)	1/2 (36.7)	Epiphaneia Rose Adagio (Deep Impact)	KSHD Mitsuo Sugisawa Takashi Suzuki
9	3	5	Win Mighty (JPN) Ryuji Wada	F3 g. 55.0	15.4 (3)	1-1/2 (37.1)	Gold Ship Aoba Colline (Cacoethes)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Tadao Igarashi
10	6	11	Fiori Chiari (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	F3 b. 55.0	189.1 (15)	1-1/4 (37.5)	Kizuna Clearly Confused (Successful Appeal)	Kazumi Maki North Hills Co., Ltd. Hisashi Shimizu
11	8	18	Ablaze (JPN) Kanichiro Fujii	F3 br. 55.0	253.7 (17)	1/2 (37.2)	Kizuna Etain (Jungle Pocket)	Koki Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Yasutoshi Ikee
12	3	6	Dantsu Elise (JPN) Keisuke Dazai	F3 br. 55.0	316.1 (18)	Neck (37.0)	Kizuna Wasurenagusa (Agnes Digital)	Tetsuji Yamamoto Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Masaru Honda
13	1	2	Ria Amelia (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F3 d.b. 55.0	6.7 (2)	1-1/4 (37.8)	Deep Impact Ria Antonia (Rockport Harbor)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
14	1	1	Miyamazakura (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	F3 g. 55.0	18.3 (6)	3 (38.4)	Deep Impact Miss Pascali (Mr. Greeley)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Hideaki Fujiwara
15	8	17	Win Marilyn (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F3 ch. 55.0	17.2 (5)	1-1/2 (38.7)	Screen Hero Cosmo Cielo (Fusaichi Pegasus)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Takahisa Tezuka
16	5	9	Sanctuaire (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 b. 55.0	46.3 (8)	Neck (38.6)	Deep Impact Hilda's Passion (Canadian Frontier)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Kazuo Fujisawa
17	5	10	Cravache d'Or (JPN) Mirco Demuro	F3 br. 55.0	30.8 (7)	3-1/2 (39.0)	Heart's Cry Path of Dreams (Giant's Causeway)	Sanshisuimei Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
18	2	4	Ho O Peaceful (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F3 ch. 55.0	119.4 (13)	6 (40.4)	Orfevre Tsurumaru Onepiece (King Kamehameha)	Yoshihisa Ozasa Northern Farm Masahiro Otake

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 16,462,853,500

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 24,456,824,300

Attendance: 890

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.13	¥ 140	Bracket	Quinella	6-7	¥ 2,580	Quinella	12-13	¥ 2,670
Place	No.13	¥ 110	Quinella	Place	12-13	¥ 940	Exacta	13-12	¥ 3,140
	No.12	¥ 540			8-13	¥ 750	Trio	8-12-13	¥ 17,920
	No.8	¥ 590			8-12	¥ 9,310	Trifecta	13-12-8	¥ 44,110

Winner= 5 starts, 5 wins / Added money: ¥ 103,822,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 397,713,000

Daring Tact Overwhelms Her Three-Year-Old Rivals in the Shuka Sho to Become the First Undeclared Triple Crown Filly

Odds-on-favorite **Daring Tact** won this year's Shuka Sho, the first G1 race to be held with limited number of racing fans after the COVID-19 pandemic, to claim all the fillies' Triple Crown races including the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) and the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) held in spring. She is the sixth filly to capture the fillies' Triple Crown title following Mejiro Ramonu (1986), Still in Love (2003), Apapane (2010), Gentildonna (2012) and Almond Eye (2018) but the first in JRA history to do so undefeated. The Epiphaneia filly has accomplished this feat prior to Contrail, also an undefeated colt, who will be aiming to capture the

Triple Crown title in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) next week. The Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) on November 29 is listed as one of the possible races for her next start. Both trainer Haruki Sugiyama and jockey Kohei Matsuyama celebrated their fourth JRA-G1 victory—their most recent being the Yushun Himba with **Daring Tact**.

Daring Tact jumped out from the 13th stall and traveled wide toward the back, around 5-6th from the rear, while **Maltese Diosa** set a relatively slow pace. Gradually making headway in the backstretch, the Epiphaneia filly continued to take a wide route turning the last corners and, once entering the lane, swung into gear, overtook the front 200 meters out then exerted her powerful late charge to win the race with a comfortable 1-1/4-length margin.

“The filly seemed a bit nervous at the paddock but she broke well and we were able to race in good position and in good rhythm. There was some pressure as we were aiming for the first undefeated Triple Crown filly in JRA history but I’m delightful to be able to accomplish this remarkable feat. I want to thank the filly and offer her my congratulations. She has developed into a bold filly and I hope that she will remain undefeated,” commented Kohei Matsuyama.

Tenth-choice **Magic Castle** settled in midfield, and finding herself positioned behind **Daring Tact** when facing the homestretch, stalked behind the race favorite with impressive speed to cross the wire in second.

Ninth-pick **Soft Fruit**, although being forced to travel in the rear due to a slow break and turning the last two corners the widest, unleashed an explosive late charge, which marked the fastest last three furlongs of the field, and closed in on **Magic Castle** in the last 100 meters while dueling with **Pallas Athena** to finish 3/4 length behind the runner-up and a nose before the Rulership filly.

Other Horses:

4th: (16) **Pallas Athena**—sat around 15th behind winner, turned wide, showed impressive late kick, but belatedly
 5th: (15) **Miss New York**—ran in 7-8th, found little room and outrun turning final corner, accelerated belatedly
 6th: (14) **Oh My Darling**—settled in 17th, made headway in backstretch, ran gamely until 200m pole, even paced
 7th: (3) **Maltese Diosa**—set pace, showed tenacity but weakened in last 100m
 8th: (7) **Musica**—was off slow, traveled in 14th, circled wide, lacked needed kick
 9th: (5) **Win Mighty**—ran around 11th along rails, angled out for stretch run, responded briefly
 10th: (11) **Fiori Chiari**—raced in 6th, failed to respond at stretch
 11th: (18) **Ablaze**—traveled 3-wide around 9th, met traffic at final corner, improved position
 12th: (6) **Dantsu Elise**—settled around 15th, passed tired rivals at stretch
 13th: (2) **Ria Amelia**—sat in 5th, showed brief response, outrun in last 200m
 14th: (1) **Miyamazakura**—hugged rails around 3rd, gradually dropped back after 300m pole
 15th: (17) **Win Marilyn**—advanced to stalked leaders from wide stall, weakened in stretch
 16th: (9) **Sanctuaire**—took economic trip around 7th, showed little after final corner
 17th: (10) **Cravache d’Or**—saved ground around 9th, ran willingly until 200m out, outrun thereafter
 18th: (4) **Ho O Peaceful**—chased pace in 2nd, faded after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 10.8 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 12.3 - 12.7 - 12.1 - 12.4 - 11.9 - 12.1
 Last 4 furlongs: 48.5 Last 3 furlongs: 36.4

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 3,4(1,17)2,11(9,15)-(10,18)(5,12)**13**,7(6,16)14-8
 2nd corner 3(4,17)1,2(9,11)15-(10,18)(5,12)(7,**13**)(6,16)14-8
 3rd corner 3(4,17)1(9,11,2)(10,15,**13**)(5,18,12,14)(7,16)6,8
 4th corner (*3,17)(1,2)(10,4,11,5,**13**,14,16)8(9,12)(15,7)(6,18)

NOTE 1: Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.

NOTE 2: Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is

distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.